Commercial utilization of land

† 2904. SHRI K.M. KHAN:
SHRI P.K. MAHESHWAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 370 given in the Rajya Sabha on 23rd February, 2001 and state:

(a) whether the Railways had drawn up an ambitious plan for commercial utilization of land and air space; if so, the details of the guidelines issued for the purpose;

(b) the estimated revenue earning potential on account of the scheme;

(c) whether any study have been conducted in this regard;

(d) if so, the details of its findings;

(e) how much of the land have been out leased and the income accrued from this;

(f) whether Railways have entered into MoU with HUDCO and other building/construction company for development of properties over Railway land; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) The details as already given in reply to Unstarred Question No. 370 in the Rajya Sabha on 23rd February, 2001, are still valid as on date.

(b) Railways expect to generate revenue of the order of Rs. SO crore to Rs. 100 crore in initial years, and this generation of revenue can improve further in the years to come.

(c) and (d) Out of the sites identified so far, in 35 cases feasibility studies have been completed. The reports have in

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general recommended the sites which have viable commercial potential. Bidding process has also been initiated in 12 cases.

(e) Railways have so far leased:

(i) 40 shops on Esplanade station over Metro Railway, Kolkata; and

(ii) two sites at South Eastern Railway, Kolkata comprising area less than 1000 sq. m. within General Managers powers.

Railways have so far realised Rs. 0.62 crore from property development.

(f) and (g) The Ministry of Railways and HUDCO had signed a Memorandum of Understanding on 13.1.2000 for taking up development over Railway lanaVairspace, jointly. HUDCO was to act as the co-promoter for certain identified projects. The contribution from the Railways, was to be in the form of its land/property and air space above it. Detailed modalities for commercial development could not be worked out for want of response on the part of HUDCO.

Theft and dacoity in trains

† 2905. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the number of incidents of theft and dacoity in trains has increased heavily during the 2001-2002 financial year;

(b) if so, the details thereof as compared to these figures during each of the last three years and in which trains these incidents took place; and

(c) the concrete steps taken by Government to check such incidents?

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